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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

ALEXANDER BOAKYE

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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***Claim Objections***

**1. Claims 1-21 are objected to because of the following informalities:**

In claim 1 (lines 3, 5, 7, 8), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 2 (line 2), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 3 (lines 2, 4, 6), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 4 (lines 1,2), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 5 (lines 2, 3), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 6 (lines 2, 3), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 7 (lines 2, 4), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 15 (lines 6), "configured to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 16 (line 2), "adapted to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 18 (line 2), "adapted to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 19 (lines 2, 3), "adapted to" is not a positive recitation.

In claim 21 (lines 2, 4), "adapted to" is not a positive recitation.

Appropriate correction is required.

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2. Claims 1-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections, set forth in this Office action.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### **Conclusion**

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Boakye whose telephone number is (571) 272-3183. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30am to 6:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham, can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The Fax number is (571) 273-8300.

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should be directed to the **Electronic Business Center (EBC)** numbers at 866-217-

9197 and 703-305-3028.

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